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## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FUEL ASSEMBLY TOP NOZZLE REPAIR SLEEVE AND METHOD FOR REPAIRING A FUEL ASSEMBLY, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Serial No.10/733,213 on December 11, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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